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OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS PETER BERNSTEIN (OCA/USPS-T31-11-12) September 16, 1997

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories 1-7 to the United States Postal Service dated July 16, 1997, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T31-11. Please refer to pages 44 and 54-55 of your testimony. You state at page 44 that library reference H-165 contains "the entire set of effective Test Year

price elasticities used in making the Ramsey volume forecasts."

a. Please provide in hard copy a table showing, side by side, "effective Test Year price elasticities used in making the Ramsey volume forecasts" and "long-run"

own-price elasticit[ies]."

b. Table 11 appears to be based on "long-run own-price elasticit[ies]." Is this

correct? If so, please provide a version of Table 11 based on "effective Test

Year price elasticities." If not, please provide a version of Table 11 based on

"long-run own-price elasticit[ies]."

OCA/USPS-T31-12. Please provide in hard copy a step-by-step derivation of the

Ramsey price for Express Mail using

a. "effective Test Year price elasticities

b. "long-run own-price elasticit[ies]."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of

practice.

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